

#### **Directorate of Resource Management**

# The 25<sup>TH</sup> ID (L) Government Travel Card Program APC Training

14 January 2005





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#### Introductions

#### Key G8 GTC personnel:

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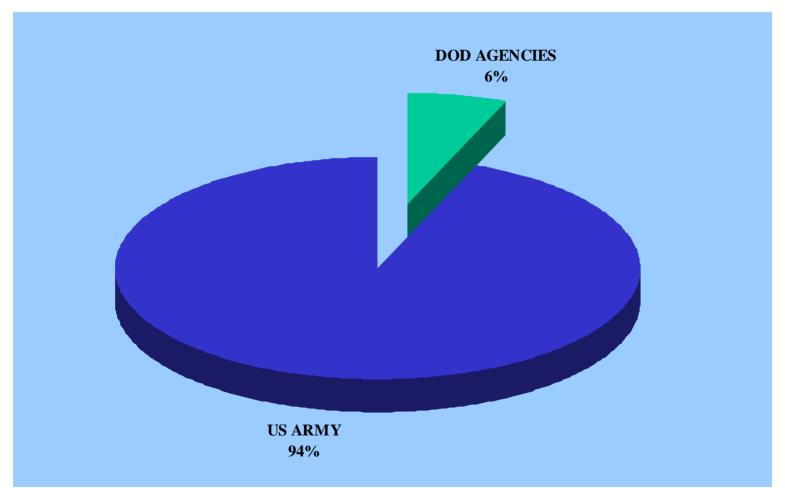
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#### **DFAS Overview**





# DFAS Indianapolis Customer base





# DFAS most common payment blockers

- ➤ No Claimant's Signature or Date
- ➤ No Supervisory/Reviewer's Signature
- ➤ No Orders Attached
- Duplicate Claim
- > No Further Entitlements Payable





# DFAS tracking

- ➤ Receipt Notification and Payment
  Information Sent via E-mail to Customer
  - Army Knowledge On-Line
  - Smartdoc
- ➤ Advice of Payment On-Line
  - Go to MYPAY online





#### DFAS Advance TDY Request Requirements

- > Must Be Authorized In the Orders
- ➤ Approving Official Signed Memorandum
  - See TDY Travel Advance Doc.
- ➤ Complete Advance TDY Checklist
- ➤ Fax Advance TDY Checklist and Orders to Servicing Travel Office





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# Program Goals





#### Department of the Army Program Goals

- ➤ DA goals for the GTC Program:
  - 3 % total delinquent Accounts.
  - 4 % total dollars delinquent.
- ≥ 25<sup>th</sup> ID (L) goals.
  - 0% delinquencies.
  - 0% dollars delinquent.





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# GTC Roles and Responsibilities





#### Program Manager:

- ➤ Manage, maintain and administer the 25<sup>th</sup> ID program overall.
- >Train and assist APC's.
- ➤ Monthly analysis of reports.
- ➤ Distribute guidance to APC's.
- > Submit monthly reports to USARPAC.



#### **GTC APC**:

- ➤ Maintain current CH's & documentation for unit.
- > Train CH's (annual training).
  - Card uses, limits.
  - Authorized & unauthorized use.
  - Split disbursement requirement.
  - Lost or stolen card procedures.
- ➤ Process CH applications for frequent travelers.





#### **APC Cont:**

- ➤ Manage hierarchy level (HL).
  - Bring cards into and out of HL.
  - Deactivate cards of soldiers exiting service.
  - Notify gaining APC to pick-up soldier.
- > Reports.
  - Delinquency (after 11<sup>th</sup> of each month).
  - Monthly audit of transactions.
- > Secure/Protect sensitive CH information.



#### **APC Cont:**

- Review purchases by CH:
  - Local purchases on Oahu.
  - Bars / Nightclubs / Lounges.
  - Airline tickets.
  - Spa's / Resorts
- ➤ APC is critical to protect from fraud, waste & abuse.
- Report all instances to CH's commander.
- Train new APC's before you leave!





#### Cardholder:

- > Notify APC when in/out processing.
- Ensure TDY orders indicate if SM is GTC CH or not.
- > Request activation prior to TDY.
- ➤ Submit DD 1351-2 NLT 5 days after return and Interim vouchers if necessary.
- ➤ Check "Split Disbursement" on DD 1351-2.



#### Cardholder cont:

- Use Traveler's Checklist (see MOI) to ensure document is filled out correctly.
- Verify DFAS has received DD 1351-2 and payment was made to BoA and entire amount was paid off.
- > Protect card, report to BoA if lost or stolen.
- Review charges and dispute any unwarranted charges.



#### Cardholder cont:

- ➤ CH is responsible for payment, not DFAS.
- ➤ CH must follow-up and relay any difficulties to APC & Supervisor.
- ➤ CH is responsible to ensure entire account is paid off in timely manner.



#### **Commanders:**

- Ensure unit has assigned and trained APC.
- > Review DD 1351-2's for accuracy.
- Review delinquency reports at 30 days to work on limiting "reportable" delinquencies.



#### **Commanders cont:**

- Take administrative or disciplinary action as necessary for delinquent cardholders.
- ➤ Take appropriate action when fraud, waste or abuse is reported by APC.



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# Government Travel Card Program Memorandum of Instruction Review



#### 25th ID GTC MOI

- ➤ Updated 17 Dec 2004.
- > Basic document for GTC program operations.
- > MOI follows Commanders intent for the GTC.
- ➤ 25<sup>th</sup> ID GTC program has significant additional safeguards.
- ➤ Ultimately we want to lower our risk by narrowing use of the GTC to frequent travelers only.



#### **MOI** Critical Areas

- ➤ Para 3.a.1: Exempt persons.
  - Infrequent Travelers.

"one who travels three times or less per year".

- Travel on Invitational Travel Orders.
- Personnel refused GTC for financial irresponsibility.
- Persons traveling to areas where no infrastructure supports card use.
- Use of GTC would endanger CH or mission.



#### **MOI Critical Areas**

- ➤ Para 3.b.1-7: Travel Advance Procedures.
  - Submit TDY Advance Request up to 30 days prior. DFAS electronic payment 10 days prior to departure.
  - Submission requirements:
    - Completed & Signed Advance Request Document.
    - Copy of TDY orders with:
      - "Travel Advance is authorized. Member does not have government credit card."
    - Completed SF1199A (direct deposit form) or cancelled personal check.



#### **MOI** Critical Areas

- > Para 5.c.1-16:
  - Agency Program Coordinators.
    - Responsibilities.
    - Direction.
    - Program information unique to APC.
- ➤ Para 5.11.
  - Cardholder Responsibilities.
    - Pay full amount monthly.
    - Split disbursement mandatory.





#### **MOI** Attachments

- ➤ BoA Application for GTC.
- > Statement of Understanding.
- ➤ Travel Voucher DD 1351-2.
- > MCP Checklist.
- > Reviewer Checklist for 1351-2.
- > Request Travel Advance Document.
- > SF1199A.
- > Traveler checklist for 1351-2.
- Delinquency Reporting document.



# EAGLS Website

- ➤ Sign on
- > Program Management
  - Account maintenance
- > Documentation
- > Forms
- ➤ Delinquency Reports





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Management Control Program



# 25th ID(L) Management Control Program

#### ➤ What is it?

- Management Controls protect our countries limited resources from fraud waste and abuse.
- The Management Control program is designed to <u>validate</u> and <u>test</u> established formal processes and protections put in place by commanders to ensure compliance with DOD/DA financial polices and regulations.



# 25th ID(L) Management Control Program

- ➤GTC Program will be evaluated each year.
- Commanders are required to show validation of safe guards and program compliance to command directed guidance and regulations.
- ➤ An Audit Team will review and evaluate documentation and processes. Team reports up the chain on findings.



# 25th ID(L) Management Control Program

- ➤ APC's answer to Commander for program status.
- Documentation and policies should reflect current MOI and Program Manager guidance.
- ➤ Requirement to fill out MCP Checklist yearly NLT 31 December (para 5.c.10).
  - Quarterly?





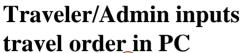
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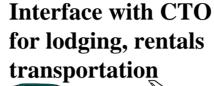
Defense Travel System





### DTS Travel Authorization









**Authorizing Official approves electronically** 

ATM advance as required

**TDY** 







Traveler receives completed order; prints as needed



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#### DTS Voucher Process

Traveler enters SSN, finishes voucher

Management Reviews, approves, & certifies









Electronically sent to disbursing for processing

Funds sent EFT to bank/credit union and "split" pays to charge card vendor

DRM <u>Mālama na Koa</u> Support the Soldiers!



# Benefits Realized

#### **Traveler**

- Travelers paid in 2-3 days
- Rapidly create authorizations and vouchers
- Personalized on-line reservations & itinerary changes for airline, lodging, and rental cars
- > Easy to understand, simplified TDY regulations
- Easy system access and up front policy compliance
- Detailed pre-travel entitlement computations



# Benefits Realized

#### Commanders, Authorizing Officials, Administrators

- Improved mission support
- Decentralizing travel approval with electronic routing
- Easy system access and up front policy compliance
- > Easy to understand, simplified TDY regulations
- On-line reservations & itinerary changes for airline, lodging, and rental cars
- Workload reduction cost savings
  - ➤ 2001 economic analysis indirect savings \$302M/year



# Benefits Realized

#### Component Services/DoD Agencies

- Cost savings
  - ➤ 2001 economic analysis direct savings \$66M/year
  - ➤ Currently \$25-\$30 to process vouchers manually DTS rate is about \$2.50
- Improved mission support
- High user demand from services and agencies





# Implementation Schedule

#### **CURRENT STATUS**

- ➤ Organizations part of initial DTS implementation in Jan 04 were HHC, MP Bde, 45<sup>th</sup> CSG, G2, G3, G4 and G8
- >Actual usage has been very minimal
- >May require some modifications/revisions to update organizational data in DTS



# Implementation Schedule

#### **PROPOSED ACTIONS**

- >Implement DTS to Primary Staff by Jul 05
- ➤ Identify and appoint Primary and Alternate Organizational DTA from Admin
- >Utilize standard routing for authorizations and vouchers



# Take a ways & Do outs

- Review all accounts within your Hierarchy.
  - How many individual Cardholders?
  - How many expired/closed accounts?
    - Soldier PCS or ETS?
- > Review of purchases.
  - Pull down report and review monthly.





# Helpful Websites

- ➤ Official US Army GTC Website:
  - http://www.asafm.army.mil/fo/fod/tc/tc.asp
- ≻25<sup>th</sup> ID G8 Website:
  - http://www.25idl.army.mil/Special\_Staff/G8/g8MMDdefault.htm
- ► Bank of America Homepage
  - •http://www.bankofamerica.com
- ➤ <u>Defense Travel System Homepage</u>
  - Http://www.defensetravel.osd.mil

